

## REMARKS

The comments of the applicant below are each preceded by related comments of the examiner (in small, bold type).

**4.** Claims 51-67 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (e) as being anticipated by Wyman (U.S. Patent No. 5,260,999).

**Referring to claim 51:**  
Wyman teaches:

A method comprising

at each repository of a set of repositories at which digital objects are stored, exposing an interface that is configured to respond to service requests conforming to a repository access protocol, the repository access protocol being used in common by the repositories (see figure 1; column 6, lines 43-61 of Wyman), and in which each of the service requests to which the interface is configured to respond includes a globally unique persistent identifier of at least one of the digital objects (see figure 2, element 36 of Wyman),

the service requests include an access request for accessing at least one digital object or data related to at least one digital object and a deposit request for depositing at least one digital object or data related to at least one digital object (see column 46, lines 20-47 of Wyman).

**Referring to claim 52 ...**  
Wyman teaches the claimed subject mailer: a method for managing digital objects in a network (see claim 1 above). Wyman further discloses the service request (see column 7, lines 3-12 of Wyman), and the parameter (see column 26, line 35 of Wyman).

**Referring to claim 53 ...**

**Referring to claim 54 ...**

**Referring to claim 55 ...**

**Referring to claim 56 ...**

**Referring to claim 57 ...**

**Referring to claim 58 ...**

**Referring to claim 59 ...**

**Referring to claim 60:**

**Wyman teaches:**  
A method comprising storing, communicating, or receiving a digital object, the digital object being typed as one of the following types: bit-sequence, digital-object, handle, set-of-bit-sequences, set-of-digital objects and set-of-handles (see figure 3, column 15, line 65-column 16, line 4 of Wyman).

**Referring to claim 61 ...**

**Referring to claim 62 ...**

**Referring to claim 63:**

**Wyman teaches:**

**A method comprising storing, communicating, or receiving a properties record associated with a digital object; the properties record including metadata for the digital object (see figure 3; and column 15, line 65-column 16, line 4 of Wyman).**

**Referring to claim 64 ...**

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**Referring to claim 66:**

**Wyman teaches:**

**A method comprising storing an immutable digital object in a repository, and serving all access requests that are functionally dependent on data of the digital object by identical disseminations (see column 6, lines 43-61 of Wyman).**

**Referring to claim 67 ...**

The applicant respectfully disagrees with the examiner's position that Wyman describes digital objects having globally unique persistent identifiers, an interface that responds to service requests or deposit requests that include globally unique persistent identifiers, or serving access requests that are functionally dependent on stored immutable objects, among other things.

There are other compelling reasons to disagree with the examiner's position.

Nevertheless, the applicant has decided to withdraw the application rather than continuing to prosecute it.

Canceled claims, if any, have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Any circumstance in which the applicant has (a) addressed certain comments of the examiner does not mean that the applicant concedes other comments of the examiner, (b) made arguments for the patentability of some claims does not mean that there are not other good reasons for patentability of those claims and other claims, or (c) amended or canceled a claim does not mean that the applicant concedes any of the examiner's positions with respect to that claim or other claims.

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